



Crop Production Report

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This report contains the results from the **2009 November Ag Yield** and **Objective Yield Surveys**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys, and to those cotton and soybean producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

Smallest Cotton Production since 1989 Forecasted Second Largest Soybean Production Forecasted Third Highest Corn Yield and Third Largest Corn Production Forecasted

Corn: Corn for grain production for the state is forecast at 62.3 million bushels, down 6 percent from 2008. Based on conditions as of November 1, yield is expected to average 152 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last month's forecast and down 3 bushels from last year. If realized, both production and yield will be the third largest in Arkansas history. Producers expect to harvest 410,000 acres of corn for grain, down 5 percent from 2008.

Cotton: All cotton production is forecast at 930,000 480-pound bales, down 14 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 28 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest production since 1989. Yield is expected to average 893 pounds per harvested acre, down 144 pounds from the October 1 forecast and down 119 pounds from last year's yield. Harvested area is estimated at 500,000 acres, down 19 percent from 2008.

Rice: The 2009 total rice production for the state is forecast at 99.3 million hundredweight (cwt), down 2 percent from the October 1 forecast and up 7 percent from 2008. Based on conditions as of November 1, the all rice yield for 2009 is forecast at 6,730 pounds per acre, down 120 pounds from the October 1 forecast and up 70 pounds from last year's yield. Producers expect to harvest 1.48 million acres of rice, up 6 percent from 2008.

Sorghum: Sorghum for grain production in 2009 is forecast at 3.26 million bushels, unchanged from the October 1 forecast and down 68 percent from a year ago. Based on November 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 93 bushels per acre, unchanged from the October 1 forecast and up 5 bushels per acre from last year. Area for grain harvest, at 35,000 acres, is down 70 percent from 2008.

Soybeans: Soybean production in 2009 for Arkansas is forecast at 128 million bushels, up 4 percent from a year ago. Based on November 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 38 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last month's forecast and unchanged from 2008. If realized, this will be the second largest soybean production on record, behind only the 1979 production of 144 million bushels. Area for harvest, at 3.37 million acres, is up 4 percent from 2008.

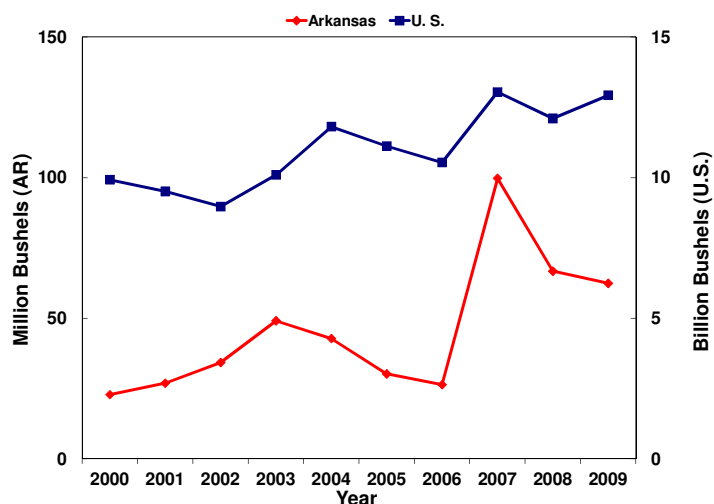
Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2008 and Forecasted November 1, 2009

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Arkansas							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	430	410	155	152	66,650	62,320
Cotton, All	¹	615	500	1,012	893	1,296	930
Rice, All	²	1,395	1,475	6,660	6,730	92,938	99,268
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	115	35	88	93	10,120	3,255
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	3,250	3,370	38	38	123,500	128,060
United States							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	78,640	79,294	153.9	162.9	12,101,238	12,920,928
Cotton, All	¹	7,568.7	7,732.2	813	776	12,815.3	12,496.0
Rice, All	²	2,976	3,101	6,846	7,038	203,733	218,245
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	7,271	5,681	65	64	472,342	363,810
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	74,681	76,619	39.7	43.3	2,967,007	3,319,270

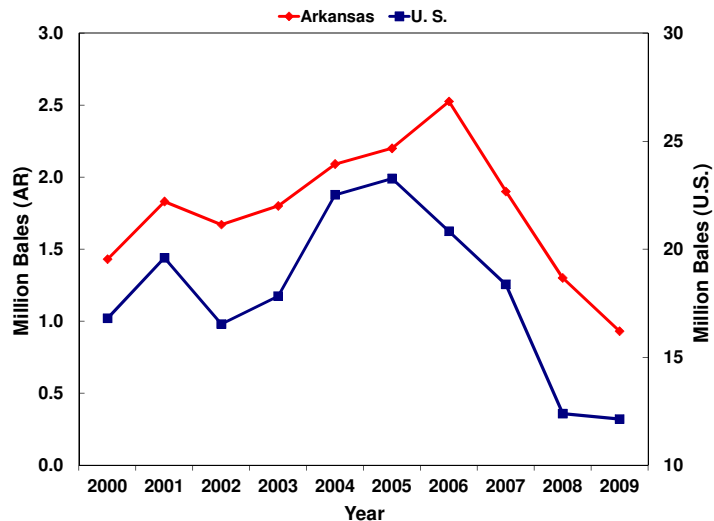
¹ Cotton yield is reported in pounds per acre and production is reported in 480 pound bales.

² Rice yield is reported in pounds per acre and production is reported in hundredweight (cwt).

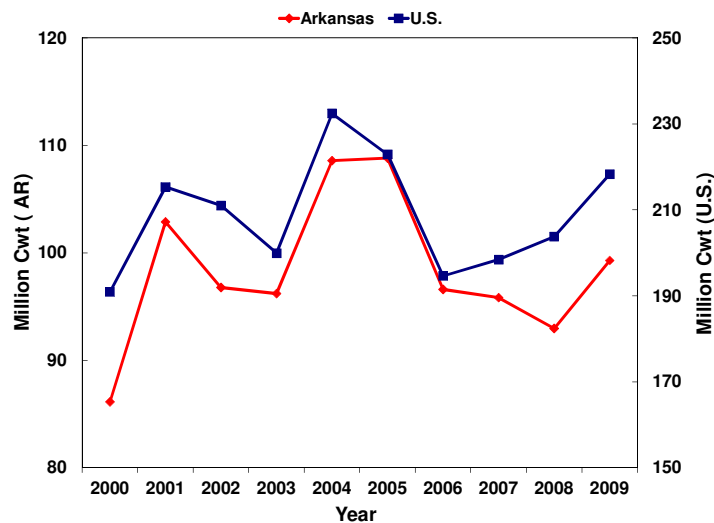
Corn Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2000-2009¹



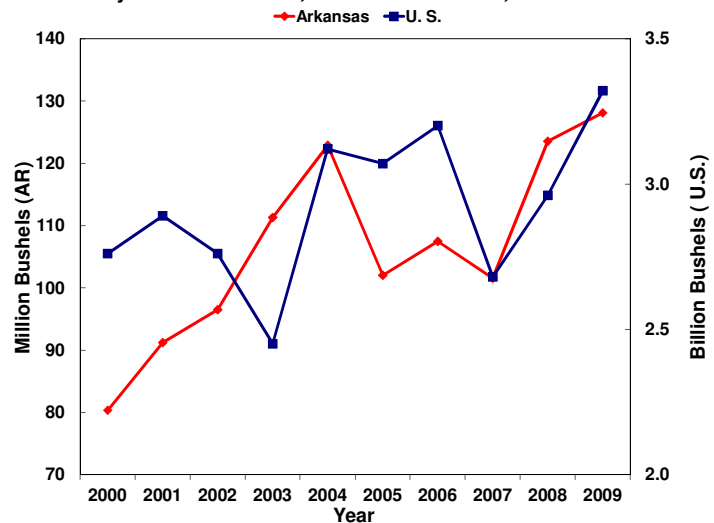
Upland Cotton Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2000-2009¹



Rice Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2000-2009¹



Soybean Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2000-2009¹



¹ Forecasted production for 2009 as of November 1, 2009.